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SUBJECT: MANITOBA LT. GOVERNOR'S REMARKS STIR CONTROVERYSY

1. FOR THE SECOND TIME THIS YEAR MANITOBA LT. GOVERNOR F.L. (BUD) JOBIN HAS STIRRED LOCAL CONTROVERSY WITH HIS AD LIBBING DURING FORMAL CEREMONIES IN THE LEGISLATURE. AFTER PROROGUING THE MANITOBA LEGISLATURE WITH THE TRADITIONAL CLOSING ADDRESS EARLY FRIDAY MORNING, JULY 21, LT. GOVERNOR JOBIN ADMONISHED LABOR AND MANAGEMENT GROUPS ENGAGED IN LOCAL DISPUTES "TO BEAR IN MIND THAT THESE ARE NOT GOOD THINGS FOR THE PROVINCE." HE THEN SUGGESTED THAT THE MLA'S GO HOME AND "COOL IT." AT THE OPENING SESSION OF THE LEGISLATURE IN MARCH, MR. JOBIN CONCLUDED HIS TRADITIONAL REMARKS WITH A PRAYER THAT A SOLUTION MIGHT BE FOUND TO BOTH THE LOCAL AND NATION EMPLOYMENT PROBLEM.

2. IN THE WAKE OF THE LT. GOVERNOR'S LATEST REMARKS, PREMIER STIRLING LYON ALLUDED THAT THE ENTIRE MATTER MIGHT HAVE TO BE REFERRED TO OTTAWA. MR. LYON NOTED THAT THERE IS NO PRECEDENT FOR THE QUEEN'S REPRESENTATIVE TO MAKE SUCH REMARKS AND LABELLED THE INCIDENT "NOT ONLY HIGHLY UNUSUAL, BUT UNACCEPTABLE."

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3. IN A CBC TELEPHONE INTERVIEW FROM HIS HOME IN FLIN FLON JULY 24, LT. GOVERNOR JOBIN SOUNDED UNREPENTENT FOR HIS ACTIONS AND, INDEED, PROMISED TO SPEAK OUT AGAIN ON FUTURE OCCASIONS.

4. COMMENT: BUD JOBIN IS A VERY UNPRETENTIOUS AND THOUGHTFUL MAN WHOSE OFF-THE-CUFF REMARKS PROBABLY RE-

FLECT A SINCERE ALTHOUGH, PERHAPS, INAPPROPRIATELY EXPRESSED CONCERN FOR THE PROVINCE OF MANITOBA. WHETHER AS ONE CONSULATE GENERAL SOURCE ALLEGES HIS STATEMENTS MIGHT HAVE BEEN MADE AT THE BEHEST OF PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU SO AS TO SHAKE UP THE CONSERVATIVE GOVERNMENT HERE REMAINS TO BE SEEN. ENDERS

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